

WEAK TO 5 LOWER

Fairly Good Supply and Market Active.

TOPS SETTLE ON \$3.35

Good Demand for Fat Hogs But Supply Limited.

The local hog market yesterday was weak to 5 cents lower, with only a moderate line of offerings and the quality not better in the main than fair. The weakness on this market was the reflex of sympathetic action with all the other western markets. The live stock quotations and this market was strong comparatively. Kansas City early reported 5 to 10 lower, but this point at no time reached sales showing such a range. Weak to 5 cents lower was all that could be said for the decline on this market. The first two lots to cross the scales on the opening were one whole car and a part of another car, which carried over from late arrivals the day before. Neither one of these were of special attractiveness and were of light weight but sold for just all they could command. Following these sales came a long list of varying sized lots of wagon and local trade. These were of generally inconsequential quality and sold at prices from the minimum to those figures closely approaching the pinnacle prices. The top price of the day for car lots was placed on a load among the early arrivals after noon and also on the very last load weighed up, the latter fact indicating a natural inherent strength to the market, and showing that anywhere near good hogs will sell on this market for all their worth can command, no matter when they arrive. There were two cars which sold at the top price of \$3.35 and three cars at the top of the bulk; and three at the minimum price. All cars were readily sold and at prices strong with other markets, though, of course, the quotations lower than the day before. The sales were irregular, coming in spasmodic spasms all through the day, the bulk of the car offerings being disposed of toward the close. There was a good demand from all sections, the Dold company taking on a full line, as far as the sale of hogs was suitable for their use. The receipts were about the same as the day before, and about 200 better than the day before. The average weight was light and all but one car of outside hogs were light, some quite so. The heavier loads were not uncommon, and in the whole, the grade considered the best sold well, and to the entire advantage of sellers.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.
No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

SHIPPERS AND NOTES.
Jeff Houston of Ponca City was on the late market with a car of the heaviest hogs of the day's offering, and were of very fair grade, recording the top price of the day.
C. G. Handy of Norwich was the last to weigh up, his car being one of heavy weights without a duck at the time of weighing, and also taking the top of the day. This load, with the one before mentioned, were the best of the day.
W. L. Frequent of Homestead was on the market with two cars of hogs. One was of medium weight and fair quality, selling at the top of the bulk, and the other a mixed car of light and medium, the big and selling at the top of the bulk, also.
Steele & Son of Blackwell were on the market with a car of medium light hogs, running fairly even and taking the top of the bulk for the straight line, and a good strong price for the sorted lot.
J. W. Hackett of Riverside was on the market with a car of light hogs which sold at bulk prices.
T. A. Clark of Melford was in with a car of light hogs, which sold at bulk prices, all they could command.
Cook & Ward of Melford and E. Fairchild of Ottawa, both weighed up early cars, which arrived late on Tuesday.
All hogs offered were at once disposed of at good prices compared with the early reports of other live stock centers. At the close all the hog pens were empty and the demand for suitable grade hogs still firm. In spite of the unfavorable and indifferent quality of the stock offered, it was all taken in by the buyers about as soon as sold. Dold taking the large end and a bidder for more. There were reports of more hogs on route to arrive later in the day, and any such will be transferred at once early today.
The cattle transactions yesterday were limited to two lone specimens, one a heifer weighing 80 pounds, and selling at \$1.40, and the other a skinny calf, selling at \$1.40 and weighing 80 pounds.
The roads contributing to yesterday's receipts were as follows: Santa Fe, 2, and Rock Island, 4. The other two were held over from Tuesday's receipts.
The shipments of the Dold company yesterday were up to the average and considerably better in some lines. The jobbing division sent out several cars scattered through the south and west, and the straight contract stuff showed material gains. Besides this was an extra heavy day in the express department, this latter branch having a heavy day's business. The south and the southwest are more and more becoming to learn the advantages of a consignment located near headquarters of a concern located so near their territory, with the resultant advantage of quick returns from hurried orders. This express is enabled to get close touch with the trade and ship promptly all goods ordered on the same day as orders received, and this is a great aid to the merchants in the south and southwest.
The daily comparisons are as follows: Yesterday, top, \$3.35; bulk, \$3.20; low, \$3.00.

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average weight, 225; receipts, 75. For the day previous, top, \$3.40; bulk, \$3.35; average weight, 225; receipts, 75. For the same day last week, top, \$3.35; bulk, \$3.25; average weight, 225; receipts, 75.
Mr. Fred Dold, assistant manager of the Wichita branch of the Jacob Dold Packing company, has returned to the city, after a two weeks business trip in the east. While absent he attended the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company, and comes back to his duties here refreshed and enthusiastic over the prospective business for the new year. He reports all affairs at the Buffalo end in the most excellent condition, and expressed himself as well pleased with conditions both at this point and in fact throughout the entire business and commercial country. He believes present conditions point to a year of increased industrial activity, and the conservative and always careful management of the affairs of the Dold company prophesy an approaching era of advancement and increased business all along their line.

Other markets yesterday were as follows: Chicago received 4,900 hogs, with 6,611 left over and the market was early reported as slow. The last bulletin issued on the close was as follows: "The offerings of hogs exceeded the demand, and sales were at a further decline of 5 to 10, making a drop of 15 to 20 in two days. At the reduced price trade was fairly active." Kansas City received 15,000 hogs, and the market was given as follows: "Supply was liberal and prices a trifle lower. Sales mainly 10 to 15 lower. St. Louis received 15,000 hogs and the market was given as follows: "Provisions were easier. They opened lower and closed about normal with Tuesday's best prices, lost a little and later regained most of the loss, closing with the about 100 hogs, and the market was about the same point as the day previous."

Chief Clerk Harrison of the Dold office, is reported as improving, although still confined to his home with malignant grip, the symptoms closely approaching pneumonia. The north departments of the Dold office are undergoing complete repairs and alterations and are expected to be ready in a few days. The two commodious offices used as the private apartments of Manager George P. Dold and Mr. Wm. Hooten are receiving the attention of the carpenters who are adding new windows, and making large, roomy window sills and general complete improvements. Once this is finished and these apartments will be all ready for the use of the Dold family, the convenience of the rest of the office.

Drovers' Telegram: "Mobile," a Texas steer nineteen years old, and for many years a prize winner, in Buffalo Bill's show, was killed by an Omaha packer last Saturday. The long-heralded short-age in beef cattle has certainly arrived, and the addition of new western packers, large, roomy window sills and general complete improvements. Once this is finished and these apartments will be all ready for the use of the Dold family, the convenience of the rest of the office.

INSPECTION OF MEAT.
The inspection of meat for interstate commerce, as directed by the bureau of animal industry, was instituted in 1891, and now there are 124 abattoirs in 28 states where the bureau inspectors all meat slaughtered. The number of animals inspected in 1898 was as follows: Cattle, 3,500,000; sheep, 8,000,000; calves, 48,000; hogs, 2,500,000; total, 14,000,000. Of these the following numbers were rejected: Cattle, 2,500; sheep, 1,500; calves, 3,000; hogs, 1,500; total condemnation, 8,500. This last total does not show a large percentage of diseased animals in this country, but it is unpleasant to think that, without government inspection, many of them would find their way onto the butcher's block; some would be condemned by state or municipal inspectors, and the rest would be sold as good meat.

AMERICAN HAMS IN GERMANY.
A cable from Berlin says that the trade in American hams is being subjected to severe regulations and inspection by the German authorities. Formerly hams, after inspection at the port where landed, were marked with a colored animal stamp, which signified that they were recognized as wholesome. This colored mark sometimes was rubbed off, and it has been replaced by branding with a hot iron stamp. American hams not bearing this new mark are henceforth liable to confiscation. Dealers in American hams are compelled to keep a book showing the number of hams in their possession, their weight and the time each ham has been in stock. Any dealer whose register is not properly kept incurs a fine of 10 marks for each offense. The meat tins continue to increase. In the eastern provinces pork costs 80 pfennings (100) per pound, and good "butcher's meat" is practically unobtainable. The nearby provinces, however, are in the towns, but in the remotest country districts, where the farmers cannot get harvesters at the usual wages on account of the increased cost of living. The central part of the butchery trade relates that in Thuringia the farmers have no cattle to sell, and that the butchers have to buy their swine from the wholesale dealers at 28 marks per cwt. living. When slaughtered the pork has cost the butchers 35 pfennings per pound. When the farmers are asked why they do not fatten more, they say that with the present high prices for barley meal it would not pay. Thus the grand aim of the Agrarian League—dear meat and dear corn—is realized, and satisfies nobody. The agrarian organs publish every day to show that the import restrictions have nothing to do with the scarcity, but their arguments do not carry conviction. In town and country, in fact, as everywhere, the farmer is clamoring for a removal, or at least a suspension, of the important restrictions.—National Provisioner.

LIVESTOCK MARKET.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000, including 1,200 Texans. Market steady; native shipping steers, \$1.00 to \$1.10; light and dressed beef and butcher steers, \$1.00 to \$1.10; cows and heifers, \$1.00 to \$1.10; Texas and Indian steers, \$1.00 to \$1.10; cows and heifers, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

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Sheep—Receipts, 500; market steady. Light and dressed sheep, \$1.00 to \$1.10; heavy sheep, \$1.00 to \$1.10; lambs, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

CHICAGO.

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COTTON.

New York, Jan. 4.—The cotton market opened steady, with near months 1 to 2 points lower and far months 2 points higher. Subsequent changes lacked special significance and the market was a nervous affair. News at hand contained nothing of an inspiring character. While orders from all sources were conspicuous, there was no great activity at Liverpool where supply dull at a shade decline. The weather map recorded high temperature and generally unsettled weather over the cotton region.

New York, Jan. 4.—Cotton—Steady; middling, 5 1/2; futures, steady; January, 5 1/2; February, 5 1/2; March, 5 1/2; April, 5 1/2; May, 5 1/2; June, 5 1/2; July, 5 1/2; August, 5 1/2; September, 5 1/2; October, 5 1/2; November, 5 1/2; December, 5 1/2.

New Orleans, Jan. 4.—Cotton—Easy; middling, 5 1/2; futures, steady; January, 5 1/2; February, 5 1/2; March, 5 1/2; April, 5 1/2; May, 5 1/2; June, 5 1/2; July, 5 1/2; August, 5 1/2; September, 5 1/2; October, 5 1/2; November, 5 1/2; December, 5 1/2.

Galveston, Jan. 4.—Cotton—Quiet and steady; 5 1/2; futures, steady; January, 5 1/2; February, 5 1/2; March, 5 1/2; April, 5 1/2; May, 5 1/2; June, 5 1/2; July, 5 1/2; August, 5 1/2; September, 5 1/2; October, 5 1/2; November, 5 1/2; December, 5 1/2.

Liverpool, Jan. 4.—Cotton—Good business. Prices barely supported. American middling, 3 1/2. Futures steady; demand poor.

WOOL MARKET.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4.—The American Cotton and Wool Reporter will say tomorrow of the wool trade:

While the wool trade transactions the past week has fallen far below that of the corresponding period last year, nevertheless there is more than the usual amount of activity for the opening of the year. The market has been influenced by the holiday season and by the fact that everybody's attention has been more or less devoted to closing up the books for the year, and to the fact that everybody is looking forward to the opening of the heavy wool season, which will probably take place within the next three or four weeks. The wool trade is looking for a more hopeful season on the part of the wool trade as regards the character of the next good season. The sales of the week in Boston amount to 3,000,000 pounds domestic and 25,000 pounds foreign, making a total of 3,250,000 for the previous week and a total of 7,500,000 for the corresponding week last year.

COFFEE AND SUGAR MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 4.—Coffee—Options opened steady at unchanged prices, 5 to 6 points decline, ruled active, with narrow changes, after first call on mutual desire, but on long and short to liquidate on even terms, realizing on long being promptly met by a selling of spot coffee and increased American visible supply, while short covered on European and Brazilian stability. Closed steady, 100 lbs. 15c; 50 lbs. 15c; 25 lbs. 15c; 10 lbs. 15c; 5 lbs. 15c; 2 1/2 lbs. 15c; 1 1/2 lbs. 15c; 3/4 lb. 15c; 1/2 lb. 15c; 1/4 lb. 15c; 1/8 lb. 15c; 1/16 lb. 15c; 1/32 lb. 15c; 1/64 lb. 15c; 1/128 lb. 15c; 1/256 lb. 15c; 1/512 lb. 15c; 1/1024 lb. 15c; 1/2048 lb. 15c; 1/4096 lb. 15c; 1/8192 lb. 15c; 1/16384 lb. 15c; 1/32768 lb. 15c; 1/65536 lb. 15c; 1/131072 lb. 15c; 1/262144 lb. 15c; 1/524288 lb. 15c; 1/1048576 lb. 15c; 1/2097152 lb. 15c; 1/4194304 lb. 15c; 1/8388608 lb. 15c; 1/16777216 lb. 15c; 1/33554432 lb. 15c; 1/67108864 lb. 15c; 1/134217728 lb. 15c; 1/268435456 lb. 15c; 1/536870912 lb. 15c; 1/1073741824 lb. 15c; 1/2147483648 lb. 15c; 1/4294967296 lb. 15c; 1/8589934592 lb. 15c; 1/17179869184 lb. 15c; 1/34359738368 lb. 15c; 1/68719476736 lb. 15c; 1/137438953472 lb. 15c; 1/274877906944 lb. 15c; 1/549755813888 lb. 15c; 1/1099511627776 lb. 15c; 1/2199023255552 lb. 15c; 1/4398046511104 lb. 15c; 1/8796093022208 lb. 15c; 1/17592186044416 lb. 15c; 1/35184372088832 lb. 15c; 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